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MS160277.01/MSFTP168USREMARKS

Claims 1-35 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 9-10 and 33-35 have been cancelled and will be pursued in a continuation application. Claims 22-32 have been allowed. Claims 2, 4 and 11 have been rewritten in independent form and, as indicated by the Examiner, claims 2-4 and 11-18 are allowable as such. Claims 5-8 and 19 have been amended to depend from an allowed or allowable claim. Favorable consideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

CONCLUSION

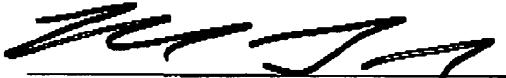
The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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